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SUBJ: FISHERIES DISPUTE

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1. WE ARE SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN ABOUT FISHERIES PROSPECTS AFTER SEPTEMBER 1. DO BRITISH INTEND IN EFFECT START ON NEW FISHING YEAR AFTER THAT DATE, PLANNING KEEP CATCH WITHIN ICJ-SET LIMIT OF 170,000 TONS FOR PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1974? IF SO, WILL FISHING AND CONSEQUENT NAVAL PROTECTION BE CONTINUING THING THROUGHOUT WHOLE FISHING YEAR, OR WILL TRAWLERS AND FRIGATES PULL OUT DURING WINTER? DOES REFTEL (B) CONCLUDING REMARK ABOUT BARENTS SEA MEAN THAT INDUSTRY THINKING OF SHIFTING ENTIRELY OUT OF ICELANDIC AREA NEXT SEASON? WHEN DOES NEXT SEASON BEGIN?

2. WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL GET ANY SUPPLEMENTARY INFO ON THESE AND RELATED MATTERS LONDON OR REYKJAVIK CAN SUPPLY. FROM U.S. POINT OF VIEW, PRESENCE OF FRIGATES OF COURSE
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REPRESENTS COMPLICATING FACTOR IN U.S.-GOI BASE NEGOTIA-

TIONS NOW EXPECTED BEGIN AROUND OCTOBER 1 AND WE CONTINUE
HOPE FOR BREAK OF SOME SORT IN PRESENT IMPASSE WHICH
WOULD PERMIT THEIR WITHDRAWAL. ROGERS

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